

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Title: MOUNTING CIRCUIT BOARDS IN HOUSINGS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the non-final Official Action mailed July 31, 2002, applicant amends the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claim 4.

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A mounting apparatus comprising:

at least one first block securable within a housing, the at least one first block having first and second grooves for respectively receiving a first edge of a first circuit board and a first edge of a second circuit board such that the first and second circuit boards are aligned with each other and are spaced apart; and

at least one second block securable within the housing, the at least one second block having a groove for receiving a second edge of the first circuit board that is perpendicular to the first edge of the first circuit board, the at least one second block having a surface to which the second circuit board is attached adjacent a second edge of the second circuit board that is perpendicular to the first edge of the second circuit board;

wherein at least one of the first and second grooves in the at least one first block is tapered.

2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one first block comprises a plurality of first blocks.

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